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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2008 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/462,128.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/04/2010, 10/25/2010, 11/16/2010
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No.(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/25/2010 has been entered.

Acknowledgements

The Examiner acknowledges the reply filed 10/25/2010 in which no claims were amended. Currently claims 1-3 and 9 are pending for examination in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statements (IDS) that were submitted on 08/04/2010, 10/25/2010 and 11/16/2010 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner is considering the information disclosure statements.

Interference

Regarding the suggested interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,544,212 filed 05/05/2009, the Examiner will consider the suggested interference proceeding according to MPEP 2304.02(c), 2304.04(a) and 37 CFR 41.202 once the claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1-3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Castellano et al. (USPN5,536,249). Castellano et al. discloses a pen-type injector with a microprocessor and blood monitor.

Regarding claims 1-3 and 9, Castellano recites a system comprising and insulin delivery unit (Col. 5 lines 25-26); a blood glucose monitor (Col. 5 lines 26-28); and a master module including a processor (Col. 7 lines 15-21; col. 14 lines 31-39; col. 16 lines 23-28). Castellano does not specifically recite transmitting the dose of insulin to the insulin delivery unit; however, he does disclose an I/O port capable of receiving and transmitting (Col. 14 lines 42-49). It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Castellano to not only receive data from the insulin delivery unit, but also to transmit data back to it in order to facilitate and expedite data flow. Further Castellano recites a microprocessor receiving other data (Col. 8 lines 4-7). Claim 3 is rejected as the type of data stored is non-functional descriptive material that does not further limit the system disclosed (In re Gulack, 217

USPQ 401 (Fed. Cir. 1983), In re Ngai, 70 USPQ2d (Fed. Cir. 2004), In re Lowry, 32 USPQ2d 1031 (Fed. Cir. 1994); MPEP 2106.01 II).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 10/25/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's Representative asserts that the Castellano reference does not disclose the communication/master module being configured to predict the dose of insulin and transmit an expected dose of insulin, and that this limitation is not obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

The Examiner has fully considered applicant's arguments but they are not persuasive. It is examiners position that given a careful reading, the claims do not distinguish over the prior art of record.

The Examiner asserts that the (I/O) port of Castellano (col 8, ln 10-60) discloses an input/output port that is configured to transmit data back and forth with specific respect to the user/patient. Castellano further discloses (col 8, ln 20-30) that the port can be used to download user stored information and for updated program instructions. The Examiner asserts that this port is configured to transmit expected dose data from either patient (see Figures 24a-d) (col 14, ln 25-40) or practitioner for controlled diabetes treatment (based upon sensed trends stored in the RAM 324), which is congruent with the teachings on Castellano.

The prior art of record teaches all elements as claimed and these elements satisfy all structural, functional, operational, and spatial limitations currently in the claims. Therefore the standing rejections are proper and maintained.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher D. Koharski whose telephone number is 571-272-7230. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30am to 2:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

Date: 12/18/2010

/Christopher D Koharski/
Examiner, Art Unit 3763